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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

Effective with the statistics for January 1963, the information shown for exports to Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments. The information shown for exports to countries other than Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50 percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chances out of three basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and North America of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20.000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less.

The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1000 to $2000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	[2]26,775	.....	6,987	4,793	7,398	1,335	258	394	[2]148,801	.....	19,267	12,283	54,284	9,685	1,672	1,682
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	[2]10,551	3,323	775	2,646	654	93	173	.....	[2]56,342	7,785	2,874	19,298	4,828	362	527
Massachusetts.....	325	132	148	(Z)	149	3	1	2	1,822	903	257	1	1,465	32	11	24
Rochester.....	5	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	15	15	13	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo.....	52	52	45	-	1	(Z)	-	(Z)	194	177	169	-	4	2	-	3
New York.....	9,940	3,545	1,008	580	6,175	789	39	288	61,335	21,251	5,577	2,914	44,556	4,974	406	1,254
Philadelphia.....	54	23	-	-	31	2	2	9	192	72	-	-	173	4	6	6
Maryland.....	43	17	(Z)	(Z)	25	4	10	2	197	99	1	2	169	7	1	11
Virginia.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida.....	8,029	2,593	3,303	4,113	37	4	(Z)	1	14,861	4,258	5,311	8,732	224	7	(Z)	3
New Orleans.....	400	66	331	22	(Z)	(Z)	1	(Z)	957	235	719	178	1	(Z)	11	1
Galveston.....	382	214	218	9	64	21	(Z)	29	1,656	834	673	16	572	147	1	189
Laredo.....	195	146	165	19	1	-	-	1	736	525	621	52	42	-	-	2
Los Angeles.....	418	194	74	21	153	83	33	3	4,526	1,781	617	143	1,829	1,549	236	50
San Francisco.....	684	341	9	22	51	344	164	8	4,601	1,616	39	206	684	2,534	976	16
Washington.....	170	139	114	-	10	9	(Z)	-	684	527	507	-	68	40	2	-
Alaska.....	8	6	2	-	1	3	-	-	26	19	12	-	1	10	-	-
Hawaii.....	39	23	1	-	(Z)	10	6	-	73	32	6	-	17	28	12	-
Montana and Idaho.....	39	39	37	-	-	-	-	-	168	168	159	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota.....	87	87	49	-	-	-	-	-	383	383	325	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota.....	7	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	27	27	27	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan.....	313	201	43	-	251	1	(Z)	2	663	441	29	-	609	1	2	8
Chicago.....	1,419	345	706	2	438	46	1	20	7,227	2,883	2,897	21	3,602	312	8	86
Ohio.....	251	2	195	-	(Z)	-	-	-	933	1	828	-	6	-	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	558	347	478	4	(Z)	-	-	-	348	189	305	9	2	-	-	-
All other Customs Districts.....	118	98	51	2	11	15	-	29	529	386	176	10	260	39	-	30
Special Category[3].....	3,237	1,930	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,649	19,519	-	-	-	-	-	-

Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2] Includes shipments of "special category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3] Represents shipments of "special category" commodities. For a list of the "special category" commodities see the January 1961 edition of Report FT 410.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds[1]								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2,3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	10,115	.....	2,625	1,549	5,067	816	19	39	77,247	.....	7,625	2,486	55,857	7,532	328	1,107
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	4,478	1,227	438	2,236	559	4	14	.....	32,648	3,449	1,002	22,652	5,364	71	110
Massachusetts.....	277	171	137	-	140	(Z)	1	-	1,268	872	551	-	660	2	2	-
Rochester.....	2	2	2	-	(Z)	-	-	-	31	16	16	-	(Z)	-	-	-
Buffalo.....	26	5	5	-	21	-	-	(Z)	214	188	170	-	8	-	-	25
New York.....	4,998	2,220	153	125	4,425	260	2	34	57,583	22,004	2,458	1,420	49,134	2,323	112	1,050
Philadelphia.....	30	29	1	-	29	-	-	-	857	803	12	-	805	-	-	-
Maryland.....	18	9	1	-	16	1	-	-	331	149	22	-	283	2	-	-
Virginia.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida.....	2,485	678	1,129	1,322	9	25	-	-	2,508	1,329	1,207	988	199	12	-	-
New Orleans.....	233	189	226	-	7	1	-	-	87	54	54	-	17	2	-	-
Galveston.....	38	25	37	1	1	-	-	(Z)	219	47	111	4	45	-	-	8
Laredo.....	148	144	148	-	-	-	-	-	66	32	37	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	332	172	51	3	106	170	2	-	3,594	1,645	429	22	1,436	1,404	46	-
San Francisco.....	259	188	2	1	61	177	14	5	2,430	1,559	11	10	728	1,379	152	20
Washington.....	92	87	10	-	2	79	-	-	1,950	1,833	213	-	19	1,664	-	-
Alaska.....	7	5	(Z)	-	2	5	-	-	121	100	1	-	7	100	-	-
Hawaii.....	23	17	2	-	(Z)	20	1	-	214	120	2	-	1	151	15	-
Montana and Idaho.....	2	2	2	-	-	(Z)	-	-	56	56	55	-	-	1	-	-
Dakota.....	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	45	25	42	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota.....	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	(Z)	-	-	17	1	-	-	-	6	-	-
Michigan.....	51	34	2	-	48	1	-	-	209	142	3	-	176	1	-	-
Chicago.....	291	116	78	(Z)	184	29	(Z)	(Z)	4,147	1,282	1,826	2	1,842	325	1	4
Ohio.....	29	2	24	-	5	-	-	-	316	15	151	-	126	-	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	714	332	611	99	2	2	-	-	335	164	218	40	35	6	-	-
All other Customs Districts.....	58	51	4	-	9	45	-	-	642	212	38	-	335	155	-	-

Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. Flag carriers.

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